Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Dean E. Peterson graduated from Astoria High School in 1970 and went on to receive his bachelor's degree in music education from Northern State College in 1974; and,

Whereas, In 1975, Dean began his education career at Winner Middle School in Winner, South Dakota, and in 1976, moved to Lead, South Dakota, to continue his teaching career at the Lead-Deadwood School District where he taught for 40 years; and,

Whereas, Dean has touched the lives of over 3,900 students over his tenure through his dedication to teaching K-5 music, middle school chorus, and high school choir, encouraging and leading several hundred students through the South Dakota Honors Choir program; and,

Whereas, Dean was honored for by the South Dakota Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014; an award given to recognize a choral director working in South Dakota who has made a significant impact on the lives of students in the pursuit of excellence in the field of choral music in South Dakota over the course of their teaching career; and,

Whereas, Dean was awarded the 2017 Lead-Deadwood School District Teacher of the Year; and,

Whereas, On May 19, 2017, after 40 years of teaching, together with his family, and many of the friends and students he has had the pleasure of working with, we celebrate his retirement from the Lead-Deadwood School District; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2017, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends, and colleagues in offering him best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State